

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**  
**LAKE AND STREAMBED ALTERATION FEE SCHEDULE**

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*The Department of Fish and Game (Department) may refuse to process a notification, or a request for an extension or amendment, until the proper fee or fees have been received.*

**STANDARD AGREEMENT**

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*Any agreement other than an agreement for gravel, rock, or sand extraction, an agreement for timber harvesting, an agreement for routine maintenance, a master agreement, or a master agreement for timber operations.*

**Fee:**

If the term of the agreement is 5 years or less.

For each project the agreement covers:

\$224.00 if the project costs less than \$5,000.  
\$280.25 if the project costs from \$5,000 to less than \$10,000.  
\$560.25 if the project costs from \$10,000 to less than \$25,000.  
\$840.25 if the project costs from \$25,000 to less than \$100,000.  
\$1,233.25 if the project costs from \$100,000 to less than \$200,000.  
\$1,673.00 if the project costs from \$200,000 to less than \$350,000.  
\$2,521.50 if the project costs from \$350,000 to less than \$500,000.  
\$4,482.75 if the project costs \$500,000 or more.

Project cost means the cost to complete each project for which notification is required.

As a general rule, a notification for a standard agreement should identify only one project. If an entity chooses to identify more than one project in a single notification, the Department may require the entity to separately notify the Department for one or more of the projects included in the original notification based on their type or location.

If the notification includes more than one project, the fee shall be calculated by adding the separate fees for each project. For example, if a notification identifies three projects, one of which will cost less than \$5,000 to complete, one of which will cost \$7,500 to complete, and one of which will cost \$17,500 to complete, the fee for the first project would be \$224.00, the fee for the second project would be \$280.25, and the fee for the third project would be \$560.25. Hence, the total fee the entity would need to submit with the notification that identifies those three projects would be \$1,064.50.

An entity may not obtain a standard agreement for any project identified in the notification that qualifies for an agreement for gravel, rock, or sand extraction, an agreement for timber harvesting, an agreement for routine maintenance, a master agreement, or a master agreement for timber operations unless the Department agrees otherwise.

**Fee submittal:** If the entity requests an agreement with a term of 5 years or less, the fee specified in the category for agreements with a term of 5 years or less must be submitted with the notification.

If the entity requests an agreement with a term longer than 5 years (Standard Long-term Agreement) the fee specified must be submitted with the notification.

## **STANDARD LONG-TERM AGREEMENT**

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*Any agreement other than an agreement for gravel, rock, or sand extraction, an agreement for timber harvesting, an agreement for routine maintenance, a master agreement, or a master agreement for timber operations.*

### **Fee:**

If the term of the agreement is longer than 5 years.

\$2,689.50 base fee, plus

For each project the agreement covers:

\$224.00 if the project costs less than \$5,000.

\$280.25 if the project costs from \$5,000 to less than \$10,000.

\$560.25 if the project costs from \$10,000 to less than \$25,000.

\$840.25 if the project costs from \$25,000 to less than \$100,000.

\$1,233.25 if the project costs from \$100,000 to less than \$200,000.

\$1,673.00 if the project costs from \$200,000 to less than \$350,000.

\$2,521.50 if the project costs from \$350,000 to less than \$500,000.

\$4,482.75 if the project costs \$500,000 or more.

Project cost means the cost to complete each project for which notification is required.

As a general rule, a notification for a standard agreement should identify only one project. If an entity chooses to identify more than one project in a single notification, the Department may require the entity to separately notify the Department for one or more of the projects included in the original notification based on their type or location.

If the notification includes more than one project, the fee shall be calculated by adding the separate fees for each project. For example, if a notification identifies three projects, one of which will cost less than \$5,000 to complete, one of which will cost \$7,500 to complete, and one of which will cost \$17,500 to complete, the fee for the first project would be \$224.00, the fee for the second project would be \$280.25, and the fee for the third project would be \$560.25. Hence, the total fee the entity would need to submit with the notification that identifies those three projects would be \$1,064.50.

An entity may not obtain a standard agreement for any project identified in the notification that qualifies for an agreement for gravel, rock, or sand extraction, an agreement for timber harvesting, an agreement for routine maintenance, a master agreement, or a master agreement for timber operations unless the Department agrees otherwise.

**Fee submittal:** If the entity requests an agreement with a term of 5 years or less, the fee specified in the category for agreements with a term of 5 years or less must be submitted with the notification.

If the entity requests an agreement with a term longer than 5 years, the fee specified must be submitted with the notification.

## **SAND, ROCK AND GRAVEL EXTRACTION AGREEMENT**

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*Any agreement for commercial or non-commercial mining or extraction of gravel, sand, rock, or other aggregate material.*

### **Fee:**

If the term of the agreement is 5 years or less:

\$560.25 if the annual extraction volume is less than 500 cubic yards.

\$1,120.50 if the annual extraction volume is 500 to less than 1,000 cubic yards.

\$2,801.75 if the annual extraction volume is 1,000 to less than 5,000 cubic yards.

\$5,000.00 if the annual extraction volume is 5,000 or more cubic yards.

### **Fee:**

If the term of the agreement is longer than 5 years:

\$11,206.75 base fee, plus

\$1,120.50 annual fee

**Fee submittal:** If the entity requests an agreement with a term of 5 years or less, the fee specified in paragraph (1) must be submitted with the notification.

If the entity requests an agreement with a term longer than 5 years, the base fee specified in paragraph (2) must be submitted with the notification.

## **TIMBER HARVESTING OPERATION AGREEMENT**

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*An agreement of five years or less that covers one or more projects that are included in a timber harvesting plan approved by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.*

### **Fee:**

\$1,345.25 base fee, plus

\$112.00 for each project the agreement covers, and

**Fee submittal:** The fee specified must be submitted with the notification.

## **MASTER TIMBER HARVESTING OPERATION AGREEMENT**

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*An agreement with a term of greater than five years that covers timber operations on timberland that are not exclusively projects to extract gravel, sand, or rock; not exclusively projects that are included in a timber harvesting plan approved by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; or not exclusively routine maintenance projects that the entity will need to complete separately at different time periods during the term of the agreement; and describes a procedure the entity must follow for construction, maintenance, or other projects the agreement covers.*

### **Fee:**

\$8,404.75 base fee, plus

\$112.00 for each project the agreement covers, and

\$1,120.50 annual fee

**Fee submittal:** The base fee specified at a minimum must be submitted with the notification. The balance of all fees due must be paid prior to the issuance of the agreement.

**Note:** If an entity chooses to identify more than one project in a single notification, the total fee may exceed \$5,000 regardless of the term of the agreement.

## **ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

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*An agreement that covers only multiple routine maintenance projects that the entity will complete at different time periods during the term of the agreement; and describes a procedure the entity must follow for any maintenance projects the agreement covers.*

**Fee:**

If the term of the agreement is 5 years or less:

\$1,345.25 base fee, plus

\$112.00 for each maintenance project completed per calendar year.

**Fee:**

If the term of the agreement is longer than 5 years:

\$2,689.50 base fee, plus

\$112.00 for each maintenance project completed per calendar year.

**Fee submittal:** If the entity requests an agreement with a term of 5 years or longer than 5 years, the base fee at a minimum must be submitted with the notification. The balance of all fees due must be paid prior to the issuance of the agreement.

## **MASTER AGREEMENT**

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*An agreement with a term of greater than five years that covers multiple projects that are not exclusively projects to extract gravel, sand, or rock; not exclusively projects that are included in a timber harvesting plan approved by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; or not exclusively routine maintenance projects that the entity will need to complete separately at different time periods during the term of the agreement; and describes a procedure the entity must follow for construction, maintenance, or other projects the agreement covers.*

**Fee:**

\$33,620.25 base fee, plus:

\$280.25 for each project the agreement covers, and

\$2,801.50 annual fee

**Fee submittal:** The base fee specified in paragraph (1) at a minimum must be submitted with the notification. The balance of all fees due must be paid prior to the issuance of the agreement.

An example of a project for which the Department would issue a master agreement is a large-scale development proposal comprised of multiple projects for which specific, detailed design plans have not been prepared at the time of the original notification. The master agreement will specify a process the Department and entity will follow before each project begins and may identify various measures the entity will be required to incorporate as part of each project in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

As a general rule, the process specified in the master agreement will require the entity to notify the Department before beginning any project the agreement covers and submit a fee based on the cost of the project. After the Department receives the notification, it will confirm that the master agreement covers the project and propose measures to protect fish and wildlife resources in addition to any included in the master agreement, if such measures are necessary for the specific project.

A master agreement will typically, but not always, encompass one or more watersheds and/or relate to a habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan. By contrast, if the large-scale development proposal is comprised of, for example, multiple residences, golf courses, and associated infrastructure projects for which specific, detailed design plans have been prepared by the time the entity notifies the Department and the entity is ready to begin those projects, the Department would issue the entity a standard agreement.

## **AGREEMENT EXTENSION**

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*A renewal of an agreement executed prior to January 1, 2004, or an extension of an agreement executed on or after January 1, 2004.*

Extensions

**Fee:** \$224.00

To request an extension for an existing agreement, complete an Extension Request Form, and submit to the appropriate DFG Regional office with the appropriate fee.

An extension request must be made prior to expiration date of the agreement.

An extension is not an amendment.

## **AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

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*The holder of a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement may request the Department to amend the agreement, provided the request is submitted to the Department in writing prior to the agreement's expiration.*

Minor Amendments

**Fee:** \$168.00

A minor amendment is one that would not significantly modify the scope or nature of any project covered by the agreement or any measure included in the agreement to protect fish and wildlife resources.

Major Amendments

**Fee:** \$560.25

A major amendment is one that would significantly modify the scope or nature of any project covered by the agreement or any measure included in the agreement to protect fish and wildlife resources, or require additional environmental review pursuant to section 21000 *et seq.* of the Public Resources Code or section 15000 *et seq.* of title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. An amendment is not an extension.

A project may not be added to an agreement by amendment unless the agreement specifies otherwise.

To request an amendment for an existing agreement, complete an Amendment Request Form, and submit to the appropriate DFG Regional office with the appropriate fee.

## **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

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*When the Department is required to act as lead agency in administering or enforcing sections 1600–1616 of the Fish and Game Code, the Department may charge and collect a reasonable fee from the entity to recover its estimated CEQA-related costs in accordance with section 21089 of the Public Resources Code. The Department may recover its estimated CEQA-related costs by collecting from the entity one or more deposits.*

If the Department is acting as lead agency, you will also be required to submit the following additional fees.

**Fee:**

\$1,500 initial deposit

**Payment of Fees:** A deposit of \$1,500 must be submitted with the notification. Additional deposits will be requested as needed. The Department shall refund any unused deposit to the entity.